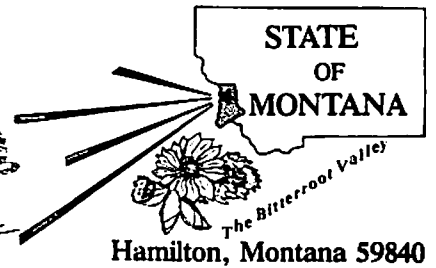
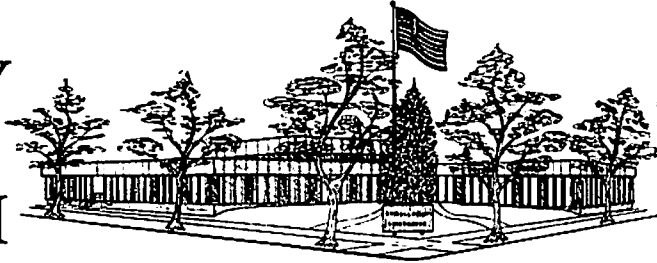
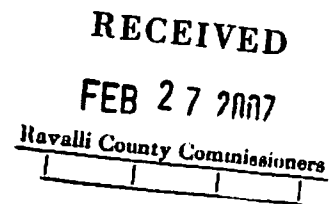


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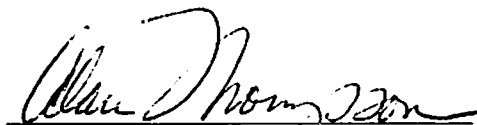


Dear Senator Tester,

Ravalli County would like to go on record supporting the Friends of the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge Appropriation Request. We believe the Appropriation would be a great asset in improving the biology and habitat at the refuge, and finishing the facility.

As you know, the Lee Metcalf Refuge is a significant asset to the Bitterroot Valley. This request addresses some of its highest priorities.

Sincerely,


Alan Thompson, Vice Chairman